

Critical Thinking Guide...

When we ask you to be critical thinkers, we are asking you to do the following:

- **Don't accept information blindly**
 - Question the source – Are they biased? Do they have a specific agenda or belief system they are trying to promote?
 - Question the source – how well researched is the article or the person speaking?
 - Question the source – do they offer evidence to back up their argument?

- **Notice your own reactions:**
 - Do you trust the information because of your own personal beliefs / cultural or religious background?
 - Do you automatically reject the information because of your own personal beliefs / cultural or religious background?

- **Ask yourself - what is missing?**
 - Do you need to find out more about the topic in order to have an informed opinion about it?
 - Where could you have gone for more information?
 - What would you have liked to read / hear / experience in order to feel confident about the quality of your response?